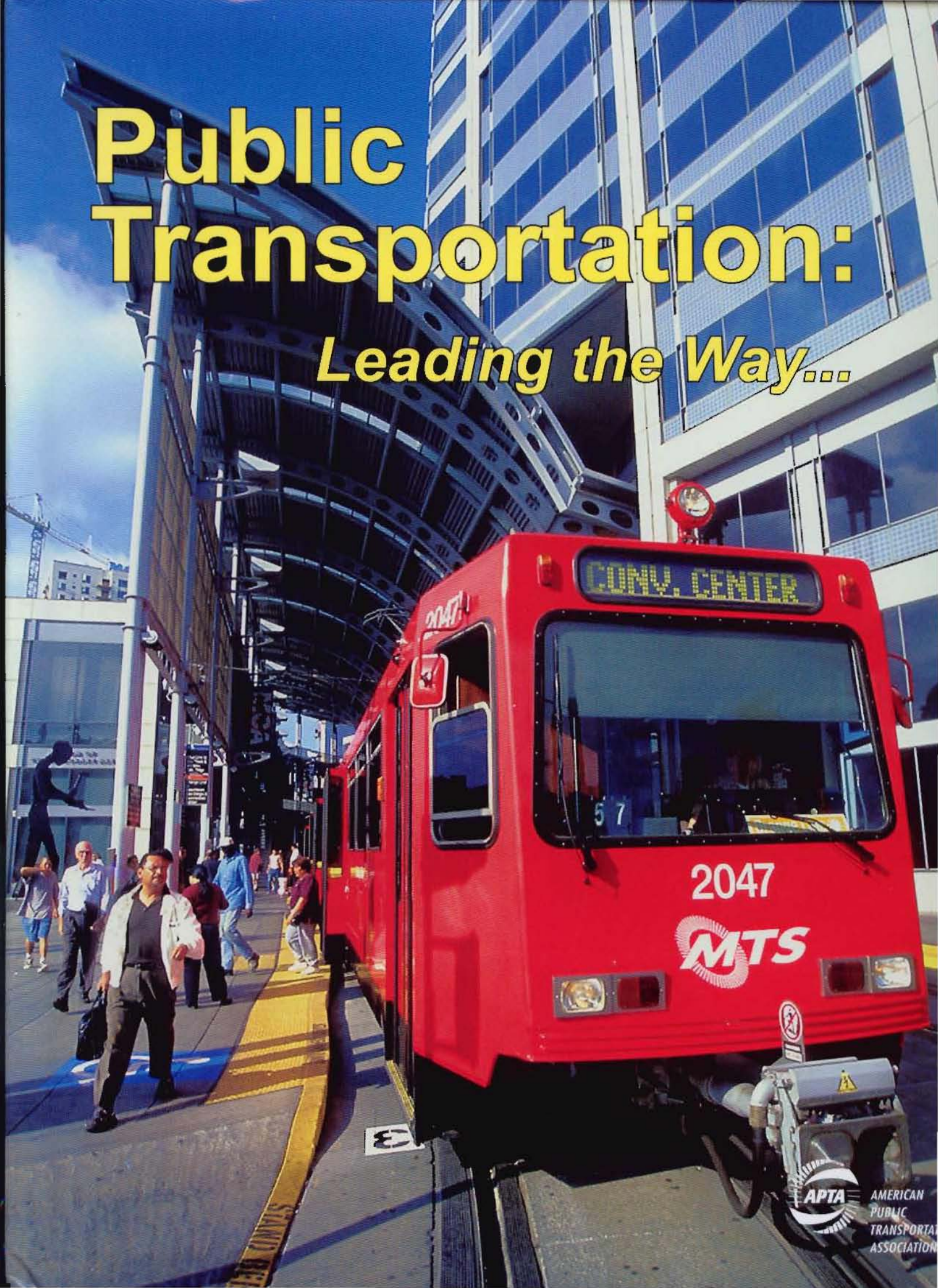


Public Transportation:

Leading the Way...



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Preface

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The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) is pleased to sponsor *Public Transportation: Leading the Way*, which highlights public transportation and showcases state-of-the-art projects and vehicles.

Public transportation's growth has been extraordinary, setting new records of ridership. APTA's 1,500 members from both the public and private sectors have been the driving force behind our record-breaking statistics – 10.3 billion trips taken in 2007 – the highest in 50 years!

How has the public transit industry done this? By listening to its customers, launching new services that truly serve their communities, and by developing and embracing innovation that puts the industry at the forefront.

Public transportation provides choice, mobility and opportunity, benefiting every segment of society. Investment in public transportation augments economic development; using public transit instead of driving reduces congestion, serves as a critical partner in fighting global warming, and reduces our dependence on foreign oil.

While the public transportation industry has made great progress in the last decade, there are still plenty of challenges ahead.

These many benefits make a powerful case for an increased investment in the nation's surface transportation network today to ensure it keeps pace with tomorrow's increasing demands.

The projects and businesses presented in this book are just as ampling of the public transportation industry's accomplishments in recent years. From new technologies to "going green," the industry demonstrates its capacity for growth and innovation with the best yet to come.

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